

**JOHNSON WOULD
DEFEND THE
REPUBLICANS**

**His Nomination Would
Disrupt Party—Hears
After McAdoo's Scalp.**

**BRYAN WILL WRITE
PARTY PLATFORM**

**Uninstructed Delegates to
Control—Bosses Suspi-
cious of Beveridge.**

By G. A. MARTIN.
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—In two weeks the Republican national convention will meet three weeks later in San Francisco.

The outstanding feature of the situation in this No. 1 party is the delegates pledged in either of the conventions to nominate him.

Of the 100 delegates to the Chicago convention and the 1004 delegates to the San Francisco convention, the majority are not pledged to any candidate, and it takes a two-thirds majority to nominate, although only a re-quire a majority to adopt a platform.

Some delegates in the Republican convention are less than those in the Democratic convention because of the fact that it is not possible to elect the Republican vote was cut down, hence representation is cut down in the national convention.

Texas, for instance, has three delegates this year at Chicago four in the convention four years ago.

Nobody Knows.

The cause of the uninstructed delegates to each of the great conventions are entirely different in each case.

In the case of the Republicans, the "old guard" has attempted, where possible, to prevent instructions, hoping thereby to be able to control the delegates in the nomination of a man of their choice.

In the Democratic selection of delegates, the lack of instructions has been largely to the uncertainty as to whether the delegates should be a candidate and to the inability or unwillingness of state leaders to choose between two candidates.

Reverend Contests This Year.

Contested delegates will be much smaller this year than ever before. There will be a few in the Republican convention, but in the Democratic states, where there always are from these states, where the leaders fight hard for the privilege of controlling the patronage in event of the party's success.

The 122 contests already filed are divided as follows: Arkansas, 1; Florida, 8; Georgia, 15; Louisiana, 11; Mississippi, 1; Missouri, 1; Nebraska, 4; North Carolina, 17; Oklahoma, 1; South Carolina, 11; Tennessee, 4; Texas, 1; Virginia, 1; West Virginia, 1.

Most of the southern states' contests are sectional, before being the so-called "Jilly White" and "Black and Tan" factions. A few of the contests are placed in the hands of a few to governor Lowden, but most are uninstructed.

There will not be so much stress on the matter of the delegates at Chicago as there was four years ago, when the bosses caused Col. Roosevelt to quit the party by their strong-arm methods in unseating all delegates not favorable to the "old guard."

They are expected to continue both conventional from the very start.

Beveridge Has His Following.

At Chicago, the delegates from Indiana, has been decided upon by the Johnson element in the convention.

Johnson, a United States senator from Indiana, has been gathering the "old guard" around him. He is a powerful man, and will try to keep Beveridge out of the nomination, but he is not so sure of himself at some points as he was four years ago.

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Sugar Inquiry Is Aimed At Smoot, He Complains In Speech To Senate

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—Charges that a federal trade commission investigation of the Utah-Idaho sugar company was being used in an effort to defeat him for reelection was made in the senate today by senator Smoot, Republican, Utah.

"No one can object to any action that can be taken to control or regulate the lawful distribution of sugar," said senator Smoot. "But when any department of that government undertakes to secure the defeat or reelection of a United States senator through the investigation of affairs of a sugar company, it is time that such a contemptible practice be brought to the attention of the public."

Reads Copies of Message.

Senator Smoot read copies of telegrams which he said, passed between W. H. Beer, attorney for the commission in the Utah-Idaho company's investigation and George E. Sanders, of Salt Lake City, in which Beer asked Sanders for advice regarding his movements and departure from Utah.

The alleged reply of Mr. Sanders to Mr. Beer was to "be in to see a hurry to finish your case, as public sentiment is fast changing and almost entirely for government prosecution."

"Sugar magnates anxious for you to get their case through," the reply continued. "Palmer should keep you on job. If you keep going for two

**"Some Weather We
Are Having Now!"**

By G. A. MARTIN.
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—Although it may be a bit warm by now in El Paso, there are compensations. The country is either too hot or it is too cold and if you see the sun half the time you can't get a suntan.

Commenting on the weather, a man said:

"You can't tell whether it's last winter or next summer. You can suffer a sunstroke and freeze to death in 24 hours. I'm looking to see men coming down the street wearing straw hats and earmuffs."

**JAP MONARCH
LOSES HIS MIND
DUE TO ILLNESS**

**Tokio Emperor Has Locomotor
Ataxia, Says Newspaper
In Honolulu.**

HONOLULU, T. H., May 24.—The Mikado of Japan, H. I. M. Yoshihito, suffered a physical and mental collapse about April 1, according to the Honolulu Pacific Commercial Advertiser, quoting an unofficial, but considered authentic, source.

The advice said he was suffering locomotor ataxia, or a similar disease. Plans for establishing a regency have been discarded. The Advertiser's informant said, because it would reveal the real condition of his health.

A Tokio cable to the Pippu Jiji, a Japanese vernacular newspaper, in Honolulu, on April 1, reported the emperor was ill at his winter villa in Hayauma, near Yokohama.

Whitney House Wins Handicap.

New York, May 24.—Wildair, owned by Harry Payne Whitney, won the Belmont park today. Tundercap was second and On Watch third. The time was 1:35 4-5. The betting on Wildair was 11 to 10.

**RUSSIAN EMBASSY
TO STAY IN EL PASO**

How shall Boris Bakmeteff be received when he comes to El Paso this week?

That is a question that is giving concern to L. M. Lawson, project manager of the United States reclamation service.

Mr. Bakmeteff came to the United States a few years ago as ambassador from Russia. He was sent by the late czar Nicholas. But since Mr. Bakmeteff's arrival, the Russian government has been in the hands of the bolsheviks. The bolsheviks have a representative in this country by the name of Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, who has been received by anybody except the reclamation service, or the federal agents. In view of these things, Mr. Bakmeteff's standing is somewhat in doubt.

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Let Us Purchase A Site Now For The Great Central Park Of The Future

**WOOD'S FUND IN
NEW JERSEY
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**Frank H. Hitchcock Testifies
Also That \$12,500
Was Spent in Maryland.**

**SAYS HE REFUSED
TO BE COLLECTOR**

**Campaign Manager for
General Tells Committee
Records Are Available.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—Frank H. Hitchcock, one of Gen. Leonard Wood's campaign managers, told a senate investigating committee today that as far as he knew the largest sum spent in any state by the Wood organization was \$12,500 in New Jersey.

He added that the next largest was \$10,000 in Maryland.

Mr. Hitchcock said that in New York, as in a number of other states, the Wood supporters "financed their own campaign in their own way," without asking assistance from the Wood organization.

**Liquor Is Found
In Camouflaged
Camping Outfit**

What was apparently a camping outfit, well equipped with bedding, camp accessories and fishing rods, proved to be a bootlegging outfit when stopped and investigated by federal officers.

The outfit was in a small automobile on the Alamogordo road when stopped and searched by the officers at a point near Newman, N. M. Five large water canteens were found to contain whisky, while in a roll of bedding officers found a copper drum filled with 500 gallons of the same liquor.

**REPORT ON PRESBYTERIAN
UNION IS VOTED IN SOUTH**

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 24.—The plan of union proposed by the joint committee on closer relations of the southern and northern Presbyterian churches was adopted by the southern assembly here today. The question was presented as whether the churches were to be united or not.

**SPECIAL TRAIN TO PORTLAND
TO STOP HERE FOR AN HOUR**

The special train to Portland, Ore., which is expected to arrive here at 10 o'clock today, will stop here for one hour. The special will run through from Houston to Portland, stopping at El Paso, San Antonio, Los Angeles and San Francisco.

**ROB PENNSYLVANIA BANK,
PUT CASHIER IN VAULT**

PITTSBURGH, Pa., May 24.—The First National bank at Pittsburgh, Pa., shortly after noon today was held up and robbed by a party of six men, who escaped with \$100,000, according to reports in the local papers. The bank was closed at 10 o'clock today, and the cashier was put in the vault.

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**America Financially Safe,
Declares Treasury Chief,
Let's Not Lose Our Heads**

**President of France
Falls Off of Train**

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—No man is better able to speak the views of the Wilson administration on financial and commercial questions than the present secretary of the treasury, David F. Houston.

His opinions as to the business and financial outlook and thought on the world situation are therefore authoritative expressions of the policies of the administration at the present moment.

**BERLIN WARNED
OF WAR LOSS BY
AGENT IN U. S.**

**Capt. Papen Now Reveals
What He Told Gen. Falk-
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**MEXICANS SEND
ULTIMATUM
TO VILLA**

**Roaring Chihuahua Chief-
tain Given Till May 25
to Say Peace or War.**

**THANKS CALLES
FOR SHORT REST**

**Flees to Hills With Follow-
ers as New Government
Puts Price on Head.**

**ABOARD Special Train of Gen.
Calles, La Flor, Chihuahua, May 23,
via El Paso, May 24.—(By the As-
sociated Press.)—The fact that the ultimatum of Mexico has served an ultimatum on Francisco Villa, giving him until May 25 to decide whether he is to be at peace or at war with the new government, Gen. E. Elias Calles announced late today.**

In making the announcement Calles gave the Associated Press his complete correspondence with Villa. Calles is minister of war under the new government.

**DAM HOLDS BACK FLOOD;
VALLEY IS IN NO DANGER**

L. M. Lawson, project manager of the reclamation service in El Paso, Tex., today announced that the Rio Grande dam at Lordsburg, N. M., is holding back the flood, and that the valley is in no danger.

The dam is a concrete structure, and is now about halfway through. It will be completed in about a year.

**SEAPLANE 'NUMBER 82'
FOUND IN THE ATLANTIC**

New York, May 24.—A hydroplane marked "No. 82" was picked up at sea today off Scotland. The plane was found by a British ship, and was taken to the United Kingdom.

The plane was a British-made seaplane, and was found in a very good state of preservation.

**PATENT FLOUR \$14.25;
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The financier said that the German government could not pay for two years running the annual installment of 18 billions.

Just Two Days' Work Wins Trip

HERE is another boy who has finished his list of 15 new, one-month subscriptions to the El Paso Herald for which he is to receive a two-weeks' trip to the Y. M. C. A. camp at Mountain Park, N. M., with all his expenses paid, including transportation, board and lodging, by The Herald. He is Carl Gilpin, 15, of 2901 Co. street. Carl said that with two other boys he had secured all the subscriptions at one of the sanatoriums. He completed his list in two days.

Other boys in receipt of our offer should call to see H. H. Frix, circulation manager, El Paso Herald. Boys who live in New Mexico, Arizona and west Texas, who would like to join the El Paso boys in camp, should write for our big offer in out-of-town boys.

CARL GILPIN.
—Photo by Bergman.

**PUBLIC OWNERSHIP,
HIGH RATES OR TAXES
BY SUBSIDY FORESEEN**

**Report of Administration Director of Finance Shows
Loss to the People of \$900,478,000 in War Time
of Transportation; Interstate Commission Hears
Increased Charges or Heavier Tax Necessary.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 24.—Close scrutiny of the report showing that the government in operation of the railways lost a gross total of nearly a billion dollars, made public today, coupled with facts brought out by the proceedings before the interstate commission, are taken in official circles to mean one of two things.

Uncle Sam must either take over the roads or there must be radical relief in the way of increased rates, with a third possibility an alternative to the latter—a virtual subsidy.

The report on loss to the government due to operation of the lines in war time was made by Swager Sherry, the railroad administration's director of finance. It shows the gross total loss to have been \$900,478,000.

**DYKES HOLDING
FLOODS FROM
ALBUQUERQUE**

**Volunteers Battle All Night
As People Leave Homes
In Danger Zone.**

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., May 24.—The Rio Grande threatened Albuquerque last night, and today the city is in a state of alarm. The flood is holding back the city, and the people are leaving their homes.

The flood is a result of heavy rains in the mountains, and is expected to continue for several days.

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